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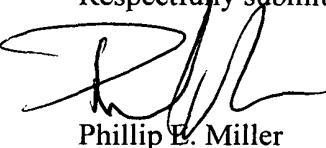
PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed October 11, 2002. The fee for extension within the first month of \$110.00 is included in the total fee for filing the RCE for the above-identified application, a check for which accompanies this submission. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,



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